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Studying with pained, troubled face, Mr. Hearn at last began slowly turning over the pages and looking at the headings of the obituary notices.

There was something which he evidently desired to satisfy himself about, yet everything looked straight and plausible. Again bent on taking every opportunity to secure a point against the accused Lawler, he suddenly arose.

"I submit again, if the court will but hear me, that while the accused has been accorded the privilege of examining the records, he has not been permitted to see the original papers."

"Maintain that he should be compelled to confine his attention to his own papers; there is quite enough there."

Kenyon suddenly left a slim white hand gripping his wrist like a vise. Hearn was just turning down a page after twenty minutes of waiting.

He had not attracted his attention! To his amazement Miss Marshall had bent forward out of her chair and was whispering and whispering to him:

"Again! Let me see through that page again."

The court was discussing at this instant the question raised by Lawler. Maitland and Torrey protested against Lawler's right to examine the original records.

But the court, after a brief consultation, had decided in favor of the accused.

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"One moment," answered that young gentleman placidly, as his pencil rapidly copied another question on the slip before him.

"I beg to ask the special attention of the court to this question," he said. "There fell a hush as if of death upon the hall. With parted lips George Hearn, who had been leaning forward until his head touched the desk, looked at the judge. Scowling, turned a shade paler and glanced half appealingly up at the lawyer, who, with a sneer of assumed indifference, held forth his hand for the slip. But Hearn looked straight into Lawler's eyes. The judge advanced took the paper, turned it carelessly over, elevated his back with apparent indifference, looked back in his chair, glanced at it, started.

"Let me see that book!" he exclaimed, as he sprang to his feet holding forth an eager hand.

"Presently, sir," answered Hearn, holding the volume behind him. "Kindly put the question first."

"Don't let that book go!" whispered Maitland, hastily, for words addressed to Kenyon, yet meant for and heard by Hearn. Mabel Lane's face was flushing with excitement. Every eye in the room was intent on the scene.

"What is the question, Mr. Judge Advocate?" sharply inquired Col. Grace.

"Why do you seek to suppress it?"

"I protest against the insinuation, sir. I simply seek to protect an honest man from insult. I ask the court to see that I am not satisfied myself by a book that I may satisfy myself by a book for a question otherwise unjustifiable."

"Mr. President, I demand the question as it is," exclaimed Hearn in tones thrilling with excitement and ringing through the court. "The witness has sworn he made these entries in '83 and '84. Look, gentlemen, look at this page, all and compel the answer."

He sprang forward and laid the book in Grace's hand.

"Hold it to the light, sir. Look at the water mark. I demand an answer to my question."

"Cautiously, with emotion, his blue eyes all aglow, he turned nervously, the book held high above his head, and he looked at the judge, his face ashen.

"Every breath in all the great room seemed hushed, though his head and shoulders were bowed.

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It was recently maintained before the

Academy that shortness of sight was a defect incident to civilization, or to an artificial condition of life. An examination of the eyes of wild animals shows that those captured after the age of six or eight months remain long-sighted, while those captured earlier or born in captivity are near-sighted.

Felix L. Oswald maintains that light air from the outside is far more healthful than the vitiated, dust-laden air of our cities and dwellings. In Germany successful experiments have been tried in Summer of having patients with pulmonary disorders sleep all night in the open air of the pine woods. Night air is no more harmful than day air. At any rate it is all we have to breathe at night and it is all better than fresh and pure as possible.

Some of the lessons drawn by the American Agriculturalists from the immense crop of potatoes in competition for prizes are: That cutting the seed-potatoes into sets with two eyes each gives most general satisfaction; that large or medium-sized potatoes are best for planting; that the sets should be slightly sprouted before being planted, although they should be kept before the sprouts have started; that weathering the sets in a dry place until settled on a stable manure is bad practice, and that concentrated commercial fertilizers are better as a rule than stable manure.

Most farmers know that young animals grow faster from the food consumed than they do after they pass their second year. With pigs and sheep a shorter time suffices to attain limit of profitable growth. The meat of lambs is higher in price and cost the owner less to produce. Sheep for food should be kept five years. After that they, like the pig, should be fattened, as keeping longer will result in more or less dying every year from indigestion, as their teeth become worn. Young hogs that weigh 150 to 200 pounds are ready sale, and at water prices per hundred than the overgrown porkers stayed one year, when there is most profit in good feeding and fattening.

The General Splendor Memorial Association organized by female employees of the Government at Washington, for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of Gen. Splendor has issued an address to the women of America in which they say:

"When Treasurer Splendor opened the doors of the departments of the government for the employment of women, other doors opened. It was soon recognized that their services to the government and to the world were available in other offices and business houses, and from that time onward there has been a steady advancement in the position of women forced to be bread winners. To every woman, and every friend of woman throughout this land, the association sends greeting, and asks their assistance in making this memorial to Gen. Splendor one in which the women of America may take just pride."

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